

United Proclamation of the Gospel



PEW NEWS

*A weekly publication for God's children who gather at
Light of Christ Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

December 2, 2018

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ST. PETER'S CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is TODAY

The St. Peter's Congregational Meeting will be held TODAY immediately following the 8:45 worship service. At this meeting we will be approving our 2019 Budget and electing new council members.

The Budget has been prepared by our church treasurer and has been endorsed by our congregational council at our October meeting. Copies of the budget are available in the church narthex. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

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Blood Drive Sunday December 9 at Light of Christ

Please make a difference! The Blood Mobile will be at Light of Christ on Sunday, December 9 from 8AM to Noon.

The blood mobile meets with one donor per time slot - to reserve a time, you can sign up in one of three ways:

- Contact our coordinator, Kasey Bosco, by email at jenae56@gmail.com
- Call Kasey at 610-737-3807
- Sign up in the LoC narthex

Please sign up today!

UPG Worship Times

Saturday 5:00 PM Worship at Light of Christ
Sunday 8:45 AM Worship at St. Peter's
Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School at Light of Christ
Sunday 11:00 AM Worship at Light of Christ

Each worship includes Holy Communion

Advent Season Worship

12/5/18	Star of Bethlehem	Rev. Suzanne Trump	Luke 1:68-79
12/12/18	St. John's Windish	Rev. Jenny Heavner	Isaiah 12:2-6
12/19/18	St. Peter's	Rev. Brandon Heavner	Psalm 80:1-7

Christmas Worship

12/22/18	Longest Night Worship	5:00 PM	Light of Christ Campus
12/23/18	Lessons & Carols Joint UPG Worship	9:30 AM	St. Peter's Campus
12/24/18	Children's Christmas Pageant	4:00 PM	Light of Christ Campus
12/24/18	Christmas Eve Worship	6:00 PM	St. Peter's Campus
12/24/18	Christmas Eve Worship	8:00 PM	Light of Christ Campus
12/24/18	Christmas Eve Worship	10:30 PM	Light of Christ Campus
12/25/18	Christmas Day Joint UPG Worship	10:30 AM	St. Peter's Campus
12/30/18	Lessons & Hymns Joint UPG Worship	9:30 AM	Light of Christ Campus

THIS WEEK IN THE UPG December 2-9, 2018

Sunday December 2

8:45 AM **Worship (St. P) with 9:45 Annual Meeting (St. P)**
9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
9:30 AM Chime Choir Rehearsal (LoC)
11:00 AM **Worship (LoC) - Coffee Hour sponsored by Girl Scouts for Girl Scout Sunday**
3-6 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Monday December 3

9-11 AM Calvary Food Pantry is open today
7:00 PM Dart Baseball: Dryland @ LoC and St. P @ Christ Lutheran

Tuesday December 4

8:00 AM UPG Staff Meeting (St. P)
9-11 AM Calvary Food Pantry is open today
9:30 AM UPG Women's Bible Study (St. P)
11:15 AM UPG Ladies Christmas Tea (St. P)
5:00 PM Diakon (St. P – Social Room)
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Wednesday December 5 – Second Wednesday in Advent

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship (St. P)
9:00 AM Christian Service (LoC)
10:30 AM Healing Worship (St. P)
No Holden Evening Prayer today
7:00 PM Advent Worship at Star of Bethlehem (514 3rd Ave., Bethlehem)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsals both campuses

Thursday December 6

9:00 AM Bible Study (LoC)
12 Noon LV Christian Chinese Church study (St. P)
5-9 PM Champion Force Cheerleaders (St. P – gym)
6:30 PM Bible Study (St. P)
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (LoC) 7:30 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)

Friday December 7

5-7PM **MLCCC Book Fair (Barnes and Noble, Southmont)**
6:00 PM LV Christian Chinese Church (St. P)
8:30 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P)

Saturday December 8

5:00 PM Worship (LoC)

Sunday December 9

8:45 AM Worship (St. P) 9:30 AM Sunday School (LoC)
9:30 AM Chime Choir Rehearsal (LoC) 11:00 AM Worship (LoC)
3:00 PM Pastors/Guardians Worship (St. P) 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (LoC)

Adult Education on the St. Peter's Campus



Please join us at St. Peter's Campus for a Study of Romans. Starting TODAY December 2, we will be doing an 8-week study from 10:15-11AM every Sunday (except for Dec 23 and 30) on Romans and how it is one of the keys to Lutheran theology. Ted Birchmeier and Elizabeth Elterich will facilitate the class.

Today's class will begin at 10:30 following the annual meeting.

Classes will be held on the first floor in the Trauger Room across from the office.

You're invited – come to one class or all classes!

Women's Bible Study and Christmas Tea on December 4



All Women of the UPG are invited to the Women's Bible Study and Christmas Tea on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in the Social Room on the St. Peter's Campus.

Bible Study is from 9:30-11AM and the Christmas Tea begins at 11:15AM – please come for one event or both! If you like, feel free to bring a snack or some of your Christmas cookies to share.

UPG Women's Bible study continues on December 18



...from 9:30 to 11 am in the Social Room on the St. Peter's campus. The December study is a journey of Advent. All UPG women and friends are welcome to participate in this Advent experience.

Reminder: Women's Bible Study is cancelled whenever the Bethlehem Area School District has a delayed start or is cancelled. Same is true for the tea! If the tea is not held on Dec. 4th, the next date will be Tuesday, December 18.



2018 Giving Trees!

Light of Christ Campus - This year we will purchase books for the libraries of Marvine Elementary school and the LoC preschool. There are two kind of tags on the tree: tags for a book with a suggested topic for a preschool child and tags with specific book titles and authors (hard cover) for the Marvine Elementary School library.

Please take a tag (or more than one) and return the tag with the unwrapped book(s) by Christmas Eve. You will find collection boxes marked "Preschool" and "Marvine" next to the tree. Thank you for sharing the joy of reading with the children.

On St. Peter's campus, the Giving Tree for Head Start students is decorated with paper mittens and children's names. Take a paper mitten, then purchase children's mittens or gloves, and a hat. Please bring the items to church with the paper mitten and a \$3 donation to buy a book. ***Items can be returned by December 16*** in a clear plastic Ziplock bag.

Please note: the items should have no references to religious or secular holidays (for example, no Santa or religious themes). Warmest thanks for keeping Head Start students warm this season!

**Light of Christ 2018-2019 Congregational Directory
Copies now available on both campuses**



Share

Today and Always

2018 Ingathering

**Thank you for supporting the Christmas Ingathering with your contributions!
We have met ALL our 2018 goals!**

The Ingathering needs volunteers THIS WEEK on Ingathering Day (Weds December 5) from 8-10AM at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 3233 Apples Church Road in Bethlehem. Volunteers help receive and sort the many donated items. If you can help, please contact either church office.

**Bethlehem
Emergency
Shelter
Program**



Last year, Christ UCC on Market and Center opened its doors as the official Bethlehem Emergency Shelter (BES) for men and women. This winter, the UPG will help at the Shelter on these dates: **December 4**, January 15, February 5 and March 5.

Volunteers are needed on these dates to:

1. Greet guests and register them as they arrive. 4:30 - 7:15 pm and/or 7:15 - 10:00 pm
2. Provide an entree for the dinner meal. You can bring food to cook at BES or prepare an item at home to drop off by 4:30 pm
3. Provide a side dish and/or dessert for the dinner meal
4. Help cook dinner, serve food and clean up. 4:30 - 7:30 pm
5. Provide breakfast food (drop off by 8:00 pm)
6. Prepare and serve breakfast and clean up. 5:00 am - 7:30 am
7. One male and one female chaperone to spend the night. Bed is provided, bring your own pillow and sheets. 9:00 pm - 6:00 am A paid BES monitor is also present.

Suggestions for food items to bring (servings for 10 please):

Dinner: casseroles, sloppy joes, stews, soups, lasagna, frozen/fresh vegetables, potatoes, perogies, salads (BES provides salad dressings), rolls, desserts

Breakfast: egg or French toast casserole, sausages, eggs, fresh fruit, muffins, bagels, cereals (BES provides milk and juice)

Please contact Michel Lloyd if you can help, or with any questions.

The shelter guests are very grateful for a warm place to stay & for the warm welcome provided.

You can reach Michel at: michellloyd@gmail.com or 484-695-3921



Cheesecake Holiday Fundraiser just in time for Christmas!

\$35.00 each -- 12" round NY Style Cheesecake

Order by December 16

Pick up at St. Peter's on December 23rd

Order via e-mail at couchpota.doh@gmail.com

or call the St. Peter's church office.

Proceeds benefit the St. Peter's Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Payment due when you pick up – cash or check payable to "St. Peter's Lutheran Church"



Update on Thrivent Choice Dollars!

So far in 2018, **the UPG has received over \$4000 in Thrivent Choice Dollars** through the Thrivent Choice® program! If you are a Thrivent member, please call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 to ask if you have any dollars to spend.

These dollars are a donation to the church from Thrivent and do not come out of your Thrivent account. Thrivent Choice Dollars must be donated by the end of the year.

Give Thrivent a call today, before year's end! There is so much ministry to be done and the Choice Dollars program provides a simple way to help fund God's work.

A note for Light of Christ members: when calling Thrivent to designate Choice Dollars for LoC, please mention "Messiah Lutheran Church".

**BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKFAIRS**

MLCCC

Friday, December 7, 2018, 6:00-8:00pm
Barnes & Noble Southmont Center
4445 Southmont Way, Easton, PA 18045

Polar Express Night

Wear your pajamas for The Polar Express Storytime at 7:00p.m.

CAN'T ATTEND OUR BOOKFAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE?
 Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/07/18 to 12/12/18
 by entering Bookfair ID 12396503 at checkout.
 A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit our school/organization.

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 Noble Book Fair - a very
 enjoyable evening! Find a
 gift for someone on your
 Christmas list.

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Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, 6:00-8:00pm
Barnes & Noble Southmont
4445 Southmont Way, Easton,
PA 18045

Bookfair ID 12396503

**Please present this voucher prior to making your
 purchase. A percentage of the net sale
 will be contributed to your school/organization.***

*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks,
 video games, digital devices including NOOK*, purchases made at
 Cafés owned and operated by Starbucks, and other items Barnes &
 Noble may exclude from time to time in its sole discretion are not
 included in bookfair totals. Institutional discounts may not be applied.
 See BN.COM/bookfairs for more details and to shop online.

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In addition to Polar Express "Wear Your Pajamas!" Night,
 there will be a scavenger hunt and children may make their
 own bookmark to take home.

To support the school, please bring the voucher (right) with
 you to the event. You can also use the voucher to order
 books online to support our preschool. A portion of the
 proceeds will benefit our school.

Purchases may be gift wrapped free of charge during the event.
 Any questions please contact Lynn Terry at lynnjt680@verizon.net or 610-861-0645

**The Calvary Food Pantry will be open 9-11 AM
December 3 and 4
111 Dewberry Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017**



If you know someone in need, please share the pantry information with them. And please watch for announcements in January about food items needed at the pantry.

Quilt Raffle to benefit Mission Partners in Argentina

The *God's Work Our Hands* team is sponsoring a raffle of two beautiful Christmas quilts. One quilt is 4' x 4' and the other is slightly larger than 6' x 5'.

The quilts will be on display at Light of Christ during Winterfest and on these Sundays: December 2 and 9 at St. Peter's; on December 16 and 23 at Light of Christ.

Tickets will be available on both campuses at \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.

The drawing will be held on Sunday, Dec. 30 at Light of Christ. Proceeds will support missionary partners in Argentina.

